

**What is claimed Is:**

1. A machine mounting adapter for accommodating mounting of individual ones of a plurality of differently sized ice machines on top of an ice dispensing machine, comprising:

a cover for being supported on a top perimeter edge of and for extending over and across a top opening to an ice retaining bin of the ice dispensing machine, said cover having an ice drop opening; and

two parallel and relatively rigid bars for extending from side to side across the opening to the ice retaining bin, said cover and bars for being supported on the top perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin with said bars in front to back spaced relationship such that, when an ice machine is mounted on top of the ice dispensing machine, said two bars are located generally beneath and along associated front and rear ends of the ice machine to securely support the ice machine on top of the ice dispenser, said cover ice drop opening accommodating passage of ice from the ice machine into the ice retaining bin.

2. An adapter as in claim 1, wherein said bars are received in channels recessed in said cover and said cover is for being supported on the perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin.

3. An adapter as in claim 2, wherein lower opposite ends of said channels are for being received in notches formed in the perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin.

4. An adapter as in claim 1, wherein said bars are for being received in notches formed in the perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin and said cover is for being positioned on the perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin and over said bars.

5. An adapter as in claim 1, wherein said cover includes a separate ice filling hole accommodating manual filling of the ice retaining bin

6. A machine mounting adapter for accommodating mounting of individual ones of a plurality of differently dimensioned ice machines on top of an ice dispensing machine, comprising:

a cover for being supported on a top perimeter edge of and for extending over and across a top opening to an ice retaining bin of the ice dispensing machine, said cover having an ice drop opening, a rear bar receiving channel located rearward from a rear side of said ice drop opening and extending substantially across said cover and a plurality of parallel and spaced front bar receiving channels located forward from a front side of said ice drop opening and extending substantially across said cover, wherein opposite ends of said rear and front bar receiving channels are for being received in associated pairs of notches in the top perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin when said cover is supported on the top perimeter edge; and

two rigid bars, one for being received in said rear bar receiving channel and the other for being received in a selected one of said plurality of front bar receiving channels, said selected one of said plurality of front bar receiving channels being determined in accordance with the width of a base of the ice machine being mounted on top of the ice dispenser, such that the spacing between said two bars will be substantially equal to the front to back width of the ice machine base, said cover ice drop opening accommodating passage of ice from the ice machine into the ice retaining bin.

7. An adapter as in claim 6, wherein said cover includes a separate ice filling hole for accommodating manual filling of the ice retaining bin.

8. An adapter as in claim 7, wherein said cover further includes a separate removable cover for placement across said separate ice filling hole.

9. An adapter as in claim 6, wherein said front and rear bar receiving channels are in parallel relationship.

10. An adapter as in claim 6, wherein said front and rear ends of said ice drop opening are generally straight and parallel and said front and rear bar receiving channels extend generally parallel to said front and rear ends of said ice drop opening.

11. A machine adapter for accommodating mounting of individual ones of a plurality of differently dimensioned ice machines on top of an ice dispensing machine, comprising:

two relatively rigid elongate bars for being supported on a top perimeter edge of and for extending from side to side across a top opening to an ice retaining bin of the ice dispensing; and

a cover for being supported on the top perimeter edge of and for extending over and across the top opening to the ice retaining bin and over and across the two bars for accommodating mounting of an ice machine on said cover, said cover having an ice drop opening and opposite ends of said two bars for being placed in associated selected pairs of notches in the top perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin, wherein the associated pairs of notches are selected to control the spacing between the bars so that the bars will be located generally beneath front and rear ends of a

base of the ice machine when the ice machine is mounted on the cover, said cover ice drop opening accommodating passage of ice from the ice machine into the ice retaining bin.

12. An adapter as in claim 11, wherein said two relatively rigid bars are for being supported on the top perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin in generally parallel relationship.

13. An adapter as in claim 11, wherein front and rear ends of said ice drop opening are generally straight and parallel and said bars extend generally parallel to said front and rear ends of said ice drop opening when said cover and bars are being supported on the top perimeter edge of the ice retaining bin.

14. A device for mounting a plurality of differently sized ice machines on top of an ice dispensing machine, comprising:

a cover for being placed on a top perimeter edge of an ice retaining bin of the ice dispensing machine, said cover having an ice drop opening with back and front edges, a rearward bar receiving channel extending in and along said cover rearward from said ice drop opening back edge, and a plurality of forward spaced and parallel bar receiving channels extending in and along said cover forward from said ice drop opening front edge, the ice bin top perimeter edge having pairs of notches therein corresponding in location to and for receiving therein opposite ends of said forward and rearward bar receiving channels; and

rearward and forward rigid bars, said rearward bar being placed in said cover rearward channel and said forward bar being placed in a one of the plurality of cover forward channels selected so that said rearward and forward bars will be

spaced from each other by a distance such that they generally underlie and extend along respective rearward and forward ends of a base of an ice machine supported on top of said cover, said cover ice drop opening accommodating passage of ice from the ice machine into the ice retaining bin.

15. A device as in claim 14, said cover also including a secondary hole for permitting manual filling of the ice bin with ice and including a removable secondary cover for the secondary hole.

16. A device as in claim 14, wherein said rearward and forward bar receiving channels are parallel.

17. A device as in claim 14, wherein said rearward and forward bar receiving channels are parallel and said ice drop opening front and back edges are generally parallel to each other and to said rearward and forward bar receiving channels.